

**Assessment of number of cities and towns of various categories**

† 2460. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:  
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made an assessment of the number of cities and towns of various categories in the country;

(b) if so, the total number of metropolitan cities, big cities, small cities and towns in the country, together with the population thereof assessed in each of the above categories;

(c) whether Government have also made an assessment of the problems relating to drinking water, primary public facilities and accommodation in the colonies of the above categories; and

(d) if so, the number of colonies in each of the above categories affected by these problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per 1991 census the total number of towns was 4615. This excludes towns in Jammu & Kashmir where census was not conducted in 1991. Class-wise details are given in the enclosed statement, (*see below*)

(c) and (d) The Working Group on Urban Housing set up by the Planning Commission estimated that the shortage of housing in urban areas as on 1.3.1997 was 7.57 million houses. According to the information collected from all the States and Union Territories regarding status of Urban Water Supply and Sanitation it has been assessed that as of 31.3.1997 about 90% of the urban population in all these categories of cities and towns have been provided with safe drinking water supply facilities through house service connections,

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public stand posts and about 49% of the urban population have been provided with sanitation facilities through sewerage, low cost sanitation and septic tank facilities.

Colony-wise assessment of problems relating to drinking water, sanitation and accommodation are not maintained.

STATEMENT		
Class	Population size	No. of Towns
I.	1,00,000 & above	322*
II.	50,000 to 99,999	421
III.	20,000 to 49,999	1161
IV.	10,000 to 19,999	1451
V.	5000 to 9,999	971
VI.	Below 5000	289
Total		4615

\*includes 23 metropolitan cities.

**Development and conversion of land for residential purpose by DDA**

† 2461. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:

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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the responsibility of developing the land *in* Delhi and converting the same for residential purpose has been entrusted mainly with the Delhi Development Authority;

(b) if so, the real of land in Delhi which was developed and converted for residential purposes by the Authority during the last three years; and

(c) whether any assessment has also been made regarding the expenditure incurred on development of the land; and

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